

Acute Hepatitis Testing Guidelines

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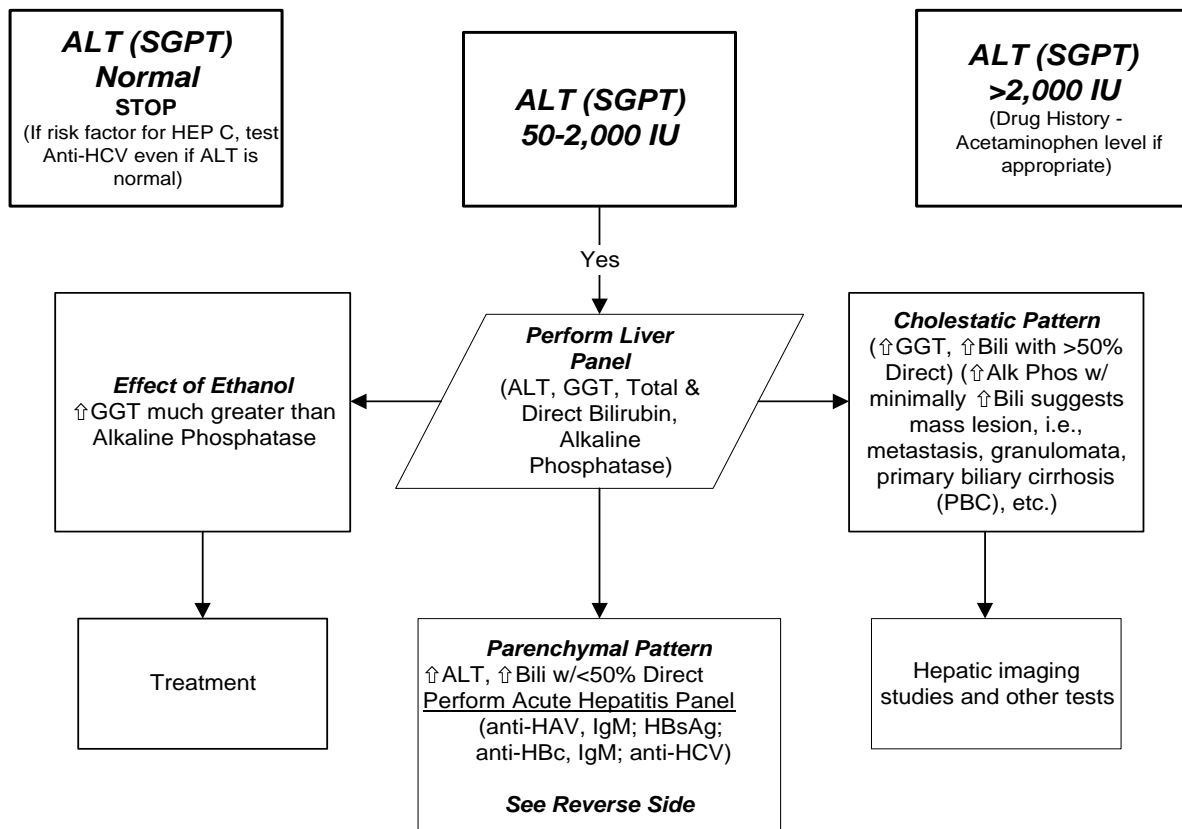
The individual clinician is in the best position to determine which tests are most appropriate for a particular patient.

Diagnostic Testing for Hepatitis should be initiated based on a clinical assessment of probability of acute infection including the following criteria:

Symptoms of Hepatitis: Anorexia, nausea, fatigue, malaise, arthralgias, headache, pharyngitis (prodrome), dark urine, clay colored stools

Signs of Hepatitis: Jaundice, low grade fever, large tender liver

Risk factors: Known exposure, IV drug abuse, occupational exposure, unsafe sexual behavior, travel history, history of transfusion



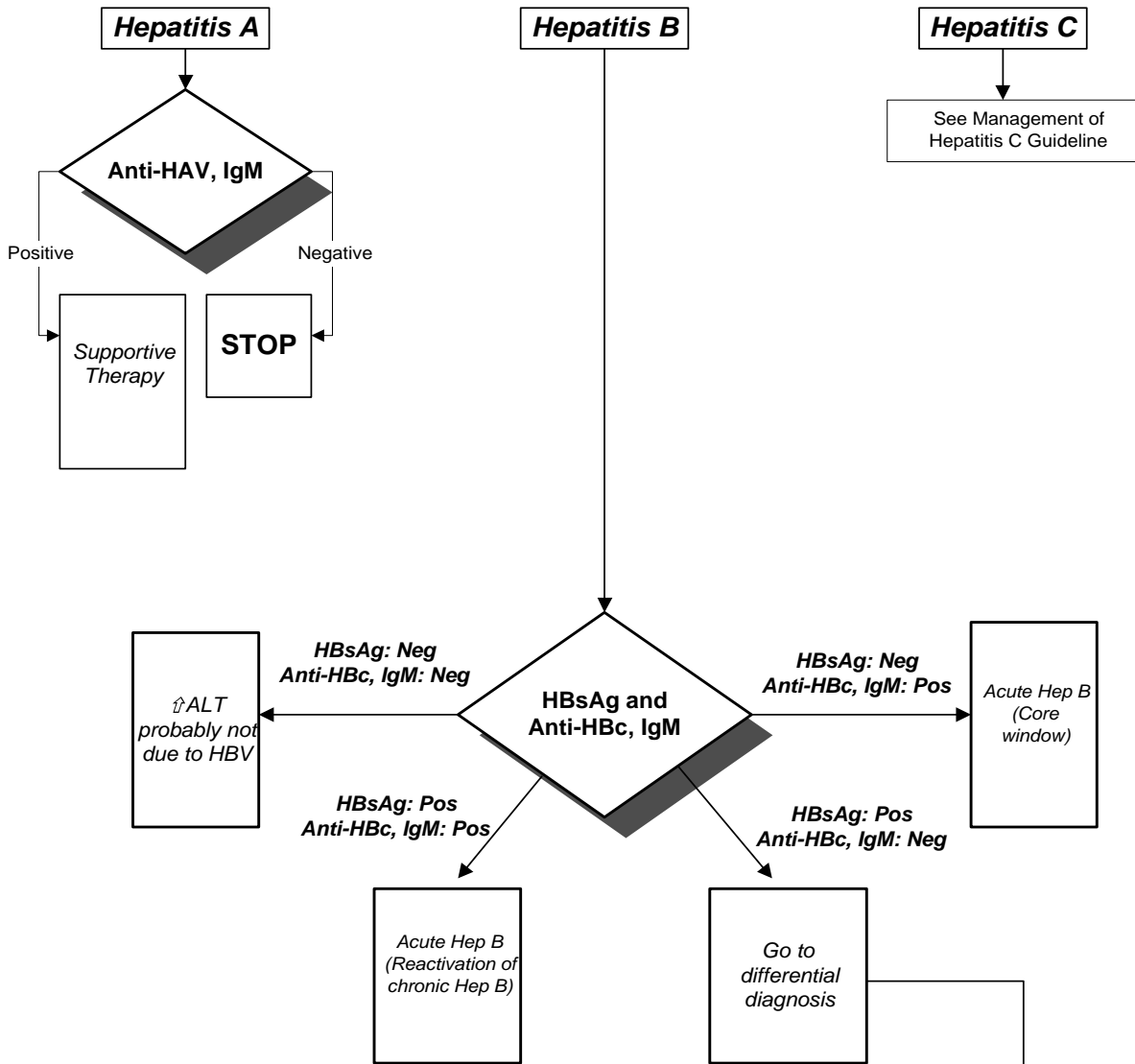
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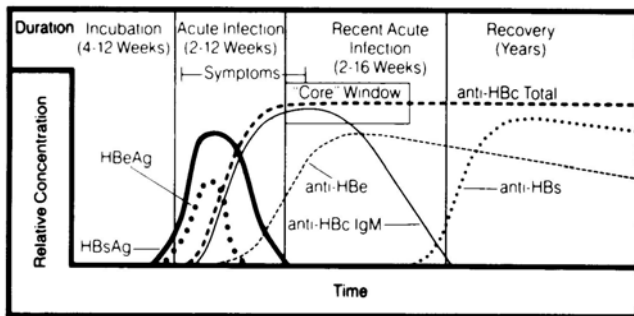
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Acute Hepatitis Panel:
Anti-HAV, IgM; HBsAg; Anti-HBc, IgM; Anti-HCV



Hepatitis B Serologic Profile



(Serologic profile in 75-85% of patients with Acute Type B Hepatitis)

